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**REPLY/AMENDMENT
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

Attorney Docket No. 1046.1133/JIM
Application Number 08/645,073
Filing Date May 13, 1996
First Named Inventor Makoto YOSHIOKA et al.
Group Art Unit 2161

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED 0.00 Examiner Name P. Elisca

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/00)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	25	- 25 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	18	- 18 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of October 25, 2001, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$920); 4 months (\$1,440); 5 months (\$1,960)):

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If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)

Total of above Calculations = \$ 0.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE = \$ 0.00

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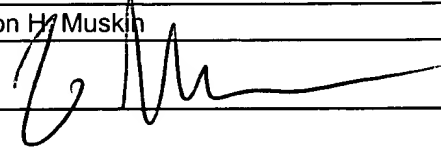
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- ☐ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2161**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Response comes in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2001, with a period for response set to expire on October 25, 2001. Even though this Response comes after a final rejection, consideration of this Response is respectfully requested since the Application in condition for allowance, and the finality of the Office Action is improper (as discussed below).

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 are pending.

II. FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION IS TRAVERSED

The Applicant respectfully submits that this "first Office Action final rejection" is improper for the following two reasons, and requests a non-final action.

First, MPEP 706.07(b) states that, "However, it would not be proper to make final a first Office Action in a continuing or substitute application where that application contains material